Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 14 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 13 Mar 2023 at 16:09 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for generally settled conditions through Tuesday and Wednesday, with a change to wet and windy conditions from later Wednesday and into Thursday. Some uncertainty on detail of the snow/rainfall.

Headline for Tuesday 14 Mar 2023: Scattered snow showers at first then prolonged sunny spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 14 Mar 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	40%	40%	30%	30%	20%	20%

Forecast for Tuesday 14 Mar 2023

Weather: There will be clear or sunny spells through Tuesday morning with scattered snow showers pushing in from the northwest, these perhaps heavier through the first half of the morning. Drier into the afternoon with any showers fairly isolated and likely to be lighter.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% during the morning, increasing to 80% by afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally good visibility with clear skies but scattered low cloud, base 400-700 m, and occasionally poor visibility in snow showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	25/30 N	25/30 W	21/25 W	13/16 N	27/34 N	18/23 N	20/25 N	19/23 SW	17/21 SW
900	14/18 N	15/20 W	11/15 W	8/11 N	19/25 N	13/18 N	11/15 NW	10/13 W	10/13 SW
600	14/17 N	15/18 SW	11/15 SW	8/10 N	19/25 N	13/17 N	10/14 N	11/14 SW	9/12 SW
300	5/8 NW	7/13 W	5/7 SW	5/7 NE	13/20 N	10/15 N	7/10 NW	6/9 W	4/7 SW
Glen	6/11 NW	5/13 W	4/8 SW	3/6 NW	9/17 NE	7/13 N	4/9 NW	4/7 W	2/5 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-10/-20	-10/-21	-9/-19	-9/-16	-9/-20	-8/-17	-9/-18	-9/-18	-9/-18
900	-8/-15	-7/-15	-7/-14	-6/-11	-5/-13	-5/-11	-6/-12	-7/-13	-7/-13
600	-4/-11	-5/-12	-5/-11	-4/-9	-3/-10	-2/-8	-3/-8	-4/-9	-4/-9
300	-2/-5	-3/-7	-2/-5	-2/-5	0/-5	1/-3	-0/-4	-1/-4	-1/-4
Glen	-0/-4	-1/-4	-1/-4	0/-2	3/-0	4/1	2/-0	-0/-2	-1/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Sudden drops in visibility possible in snow showers, particularly during the morning.

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Weather: Chance of a few snow showers during the early hours of Wednesday in the west but then mainly dry and clear for much of the day. A front pushes up from the southwest into the evening, bringing snow initially but rain soon following, particularly at lower levels.

Maximum wind: Generally light through the day but increasing to southeast 25 mph gust 35 mph later in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% during the early hours, increasing to 90%, dropping to 10-20% by late evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally good visibility with clear skies, or high cloud later. Scattered low cloud, bases 500-700 m, and occasional poor visibility in any early snow showers. Extensive low cloud, bases 400-700 m, and reduced visibility on the front later in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to plus 5 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 8 rising to minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Surface, rising to 400m through the day.

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